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NSC FOR JENNIFER WARD AND SUSAN PRICE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, MOPS, MARR, UNSC
SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY DEMARCHE TO THE FRENCH ON RWANDA
- AND SOMALIA

REF: A) STATE 303702 B) STATE 303712

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

RWANDA

2. ON OCTOBER 5 WE INFORMED QUAI DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL
AND EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS CATHERINE BOIVINEAU (THE
HIGHEST LEVEL QUAI OFFICIAL QUICKLY AVAILABLE) OF USG
SUPPORT FOR THE UNSC RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PKO FOR
RWANDA, PER REFS (A) AND (B). BOIVINEAU EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR U.S. SUPPORT AND REITERATED THE NEED

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FOR A RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF OAU/UN OBSERVERS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ASSURE THAT THE ARUSHA ACCORDS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

SOMALIA

3. WE ALSO MADE THE POINTS CONCERNING FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM UNOSOM WITH BOIVINEAU AND WITH PHILIPPE BAUDILLON, ONE OF PRIME MINISTER BALLADUR'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISORS. BAUDILLON RESPONDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE EXACT TIMING IS STILL BEING WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE UN, THE TIME FRAME OF EARLY 1994 WILL BE MAINTAINED. BOIVINEAU NOTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT IF JUPPE'S DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK INDICATED THAT THE GOF IS OPEN TO RECONSIDERING ITS DECISION, IT WAS AN UNINTENDED IMPRESSION.

4. BAUDILLON RECALLED THAT THE GOF, LIKE THE U.S., ALWAYS INDICATED THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IN UNOSOM II

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WOULD BE OF A LIMITED DURATION. HE REITERATED THAT THE GOF DEPARTURE WILL BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH THE UN COMMAND AND OTHER CONTINGENTS AND LOGISTIC/COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FRENCH BASE IN DJIBOUTI. HOWEVER, GIVEN COSTS AND OTHER FRENCH PEACEKEEPING COMMITMENTS, FRANCE INTENDS TO BRING ITS PARTICIPATION IN UNOSOM II TO A CLOSE IN EARLY 1994. IN CLOSING HE ASKED IF THE USG HAD ESTABLISHED A "DATE CERTAIN" FOR DEPARTURE OF U.S. FORCES, NOTING THAT SOME PRESS STORIES HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THIS COULD TAKE PLACE IN ROUGHLY THE SAME PERIOD AS THE FRENCH DEPARTURE. WE RESPONDED THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO DEPARTURE DATE HAS BEEN SET.

5. COMMENT: FROM THESE AND OTHER RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GOF OFFICIALS ON FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN UNOSOM, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW FRENCH TROOPS EARLY NEXT YEAR IS A FIRM ONE. WE PLAN TO RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN AT HIGHER LEVELS IN THE QUAI LATER THIS WEEK. END COMMENT.

6. MOGADISHU MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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